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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

You need to know how important small providers are. I live in San Francisco, and we were using Comcast. Then I found out about Sonic's prices and speed and I switched. My grandson asked me, "What's the difference?" I said, "About \$100 per month." And then added, "and twice the speed."

This is a fiber network, and it exists only because of the rules allowing providers to lease time on copper networks already in place, thus allowing them to invest in new and better technology. The big companies didn't do it, so let someone else do it.

By the way, the phone service Sonic provides is much better. I can call business associates, vacation rentals and friends in countries all over Europe without exorbitant costs.

Please consider the great value that small providers such as Sonic are making possible to communications consumers such as me who otherwise would have to settle for the tired, slow, and creaky offerings of the big providers. They need the kick in the pants the small providers supply.

Thanks for your attention.

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